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deaths from yellow fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from smallpox during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from typhus fever during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from cholera during the week, none; number of cases and deaths from plague during the week, none; number of deaths from other causes during the week, 3. Prevailing diseases, malarial fever in a mild form. General sanitary condition of this port and the surrounding country during the week, very good.

Bill of health was issued to the following vessel: June 8, steamship *Utstein*, crew, 15; passengers from this port, none; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, none. June 13, steamship *Esther*, crew, 19; passengers from this port, 6; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, 5 pieces; steamship *Banan*, crew, 20; passengers from this port, 1; passengers in transit, none; baggage disinfected, 1 piece.

Respectfully,

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The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Investigation as to source of cholera infection at Manila.

MANILA, P. I., May 9, 1902.

SIR: In reply to your letter of the 1st ultimo, relative to the manner in which cholera was introduced into Manila, I have the honor to state that further investigations tend to confirm my report of March 30 that the disease was introduced by vegetables from Canton admitted prior to March 5, the date upon which these articles were prohibited. However, a vessel arrived from Hongkong on March 16 and was cleared on the 17th that had on board vegetables that Asst. Surg. J. W. Kerr had not certified. These were refused to be landed, and I have been unable to secure evidence that any of these were smuggled ashore. Another point against the latter being the source of infection is, that cholera appeared three days later and that the same vegetables eaten by those on board ship produced no sickness.

It has been impossible to ascertain definitely at what time the infection was introduced and what particular shipment of vegetables is responsible for starting the epidemic, since no history of value could be secured from the first cases relative to the source or nature of the food they had eaten.

I am now having investigations conducted through Filipino physicians in the San Nicolas district, the locality in which the disease made its appearance, in order to ascertain more definitely if any cases of cholera occurred before March 20 and relative to the food products and their source used at that time.

Respectfully,

J. C. PERRY,
*Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.,
Chief Quarantine Officer for the Philippine Islands.*

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Progress of the cholera epidemic in the Philippine Islands from March 27 to May 4, 1902.

MANILA, P. I., May 9, 1902.

SIR: I have the honor to report on the progress of the cholera epidemic in the Philippine Islands as follows, for the period from March

27 to May 4, 1902: During the week there has been little change in the situation, although a slight increase in the number of cases in Manila occurred. The spread of the infection is due to contaminated food, as the water supply remains free from infection. The disease in the provincial towns shows a more rapid increase and subsidence than in Manila, and at the date of writing shows a slight improvement. The data pertinent to the subject is transmitted herewith in tabulated form.

Respectfully,

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[Inclosures.]

Cholera report of Manila for period from April 28 to May 3, 1902, inclusive.

Date.	Number of cases.					Total.	
	Filipinos.	Chinese.	Americans.	Europeans.	Others.	Cases.	Deaths.
April 28.....	19	4	2	.....	.....	25	18
April 29.....	20	5	.....	.....	.....	25	22
April 30.....	31	6	.....	.....	1	38	21
May 1.....	27	4	3	1	.....	35	28
May 2.....	26	1	1	.....	.....	28	30
May 3.....	18	5	.....	.....	.....	23	19
Total.....	141	25	6	1	1	174	138

Report of cholera occurring in provincial towns in the Philippine Islands for the week ended May 3, 1902.

Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.	Place.	Province.	Cases.	Deaths.
Margarao.....	Camarines Sur.	29	35	Taguig.....	Rizal.....	10	7
Nueva Caceres.....	do.	7	2	Novaleta.....	do.	1	0
Sagunay.....	do.	1	1	Passay.....	do.	12	4
Bula.....	do.	7	7	Malabon.....	do.	64	32
Pamplona.....	do.	2	2	Pateros.....	do.	36	17
Pili.....	do.	15	8	San Felipe.....	do.	6	7
Bato.....	do.	2	1	Novatas.....	do.	2	1
Libmanan.....	do.	2	2	San Pedro Macati.....	do.	5	2
Milaor.....	do.	8	11	Pasig.....	do.	22	7
Bombon.....	do.	22	15	Macabebe.....	Pampanga.....	23	20
Calabanga.....	do.	3	1	Angeles.....	do.	2	0
Nabau.....	do.	3	3	Minalin.....	do.	3	1
Quipayo.....	do.	5	6	Apalit.....	do.	8	7
Minalabag.....	do.	1	1	Florida-Blanca.....	do.	2	0
Cainza.....	do.	2	3	Betis.....	do.	4	1
Polo.....	Bulacan.....	2	2	San Fernando.....	do.	9	6
Barisoan.....	do.	3	3	Lubao.....	do.	5	6
Meycauayan.....	do.	11	5	Bacolor.....	do.	29	26
San Miguel.....	do.	0	1	Guagua.....	do.	12	8
Malolos.....	do.	10	11	Sexmoan.....	do.	21	6
Pulilan.....	do.	5	4	Pilar.....	Bataan.....	16	15
Bulacan.....	do.	5	3	Balanga.....	do.	11	12
Bigaa.....	do.	1	1	Orion.....	do.	16	19
Baliuag.....	do.	1	1	Tandan.....	do.	1	1
Paombong.....	do.	8	5	Majayjay.....	Laguna.....	1	0
Marilao.....	do.	1	1	Pagsanjan.....	do.	6	6
Santa Ysabel.....	do.	3	0	San Antonio.....	do.	2	2
Caumpit.....	do.	26	19	Santa Cruz.....	do.	5	5
Quingua.....	do.	3	2	Gerona.....	Tarlac.....	4	4
Santa Ana.....	Rizal.....	2	0	Imus.....	Cavite.....	1	1
San Mateo.....	do.	3	1	Lingayen.....	Pangasinan.....	1	1
Taytay.....	do.	10	7	San Isidro.....	Nueva Ecija.....	1	1
Napian.....	do.	4	3	Total.....		553	396
Tanay.....	do.	1	0				
Malibay.....	do.	4	4				